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Collegiate Institute & Normal School

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Collegiate Institute...?

- Collegiate institutes, sometimes called “seminaries” etc., were part of the widespread “academy” movement in pre Civil War America.
- In that era public schooling only went through the 8th grade. There was no middle school, no high school. There were very few colleges too, and those were largely limited to white male students.
- The academies were a response to these limited educational opportunities. There were many in our area, including these:

Clarkson Academy Building

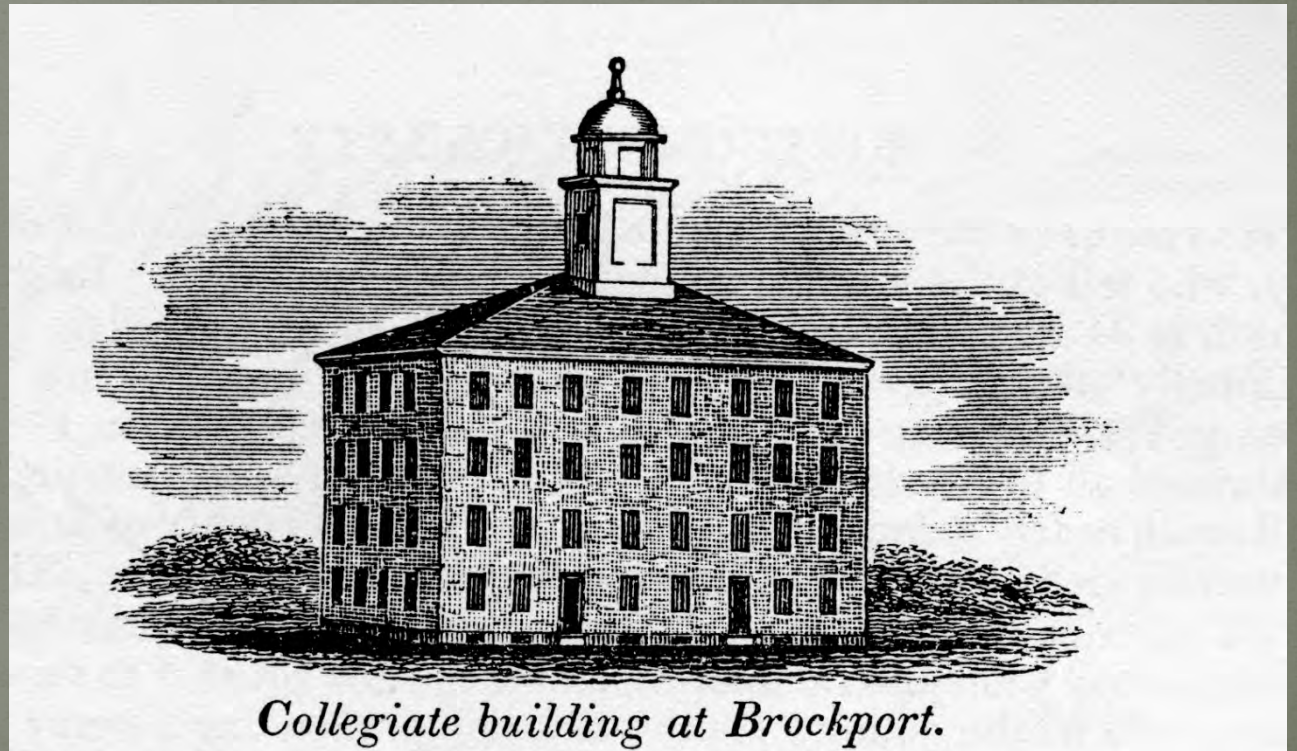


Middlebury Academy



That 1835 starting date...

- In 1835 a Baptist church association worked with village founder Hiel Brockway to acquire land and a building.



However...

- Although Brockway did give 6 acres of land, the property that Hartwell Hall is on today, and a building was built (about where Hartwell Hall is,) no actual school was successfully established for some years.
- There were some fitful attempts, but economic depressions and other issues prevented them from taking root.
- Finally in 1841 a concerned group of village residents took matters in hand.

Secretary's book of Records for the
Brockport Collegiate Institute - Commencing in
1841.

Presented to the
Historical Collection of the
State Teachers College at
Brookport - by

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January 20, 1947

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✓	E Whitney & Co	2	25 00	50 00	Joseph Randalls	2	25 00
✓	S. A. Clarke	2	" "	50 00	Perry Smith	2	" "
✓	Byrnes Carpenter	4	" "	100 00	P. H. Leffingma	2	" "
✓	Peter Sathron	2	" "	50 00	Transferred to J. Dwyer		
✓	Walter Lathrop	4	" "	100 00	Oct 12, 1844		
✓	James Stechney	2	" "	50 00			
				3800 00			

Voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to elect Trustees to said Institute & that the number of said Trustees be ~~three~~ four. / 24/ Said Committee to be appointed by the chair, the following persons constitute said Committee, -

L. Burroughs jr.

J. R. Roly

Abram Fitch -

The following persons reported by said Committee for Transfer to the Brookhead Collegiate Institute viz -

Rev. B. B. Stickney & Son.

" J. R. Chipman

Harry Barker -

Ralph W. Gorton 22 Dec 1873

E. B. Holmes

S. 14 20 ans

Joseph Gansin

Fredrick P Rort

John E. Spru

John A Latta Rensselaer

William Dinn

Joseph Roly desand

Wm. H. Seymour

In: H Nichols Design

S. G. Williams Remov

A. W. Barry

Gwen Allen & daughter

F. W. Brewster

Mr. Barnum

Steel Brickwork & design

Isaac Iorby

2. *Bombus lucorum*

J. R. Ruhl

Alvin Fitch

W. E. Skidmore & Electa, Sept.

Peter Sutphen }
Isaac Stearns }

Voted, that the above report of Committee be accepted. —

Noted, that a committee of three (3) be appointed to fill up a
Subscription for repairs on said building. —

John E. Freer

James Brown

A. B. Bennett

Per said Committee

Voted, that the Committee appointed at the Last Meeting be authorized to procure & make the purchase of the College building & lot of ground adjoining a hill &c & so soon as may be after the Subscription.

Report to another Meeting.

Voted that the number of Sum [7] Shall
Constitute a Quorum of said Trustees —

J. Ganson. clerk

Brockport Collegiate Institute, 1842

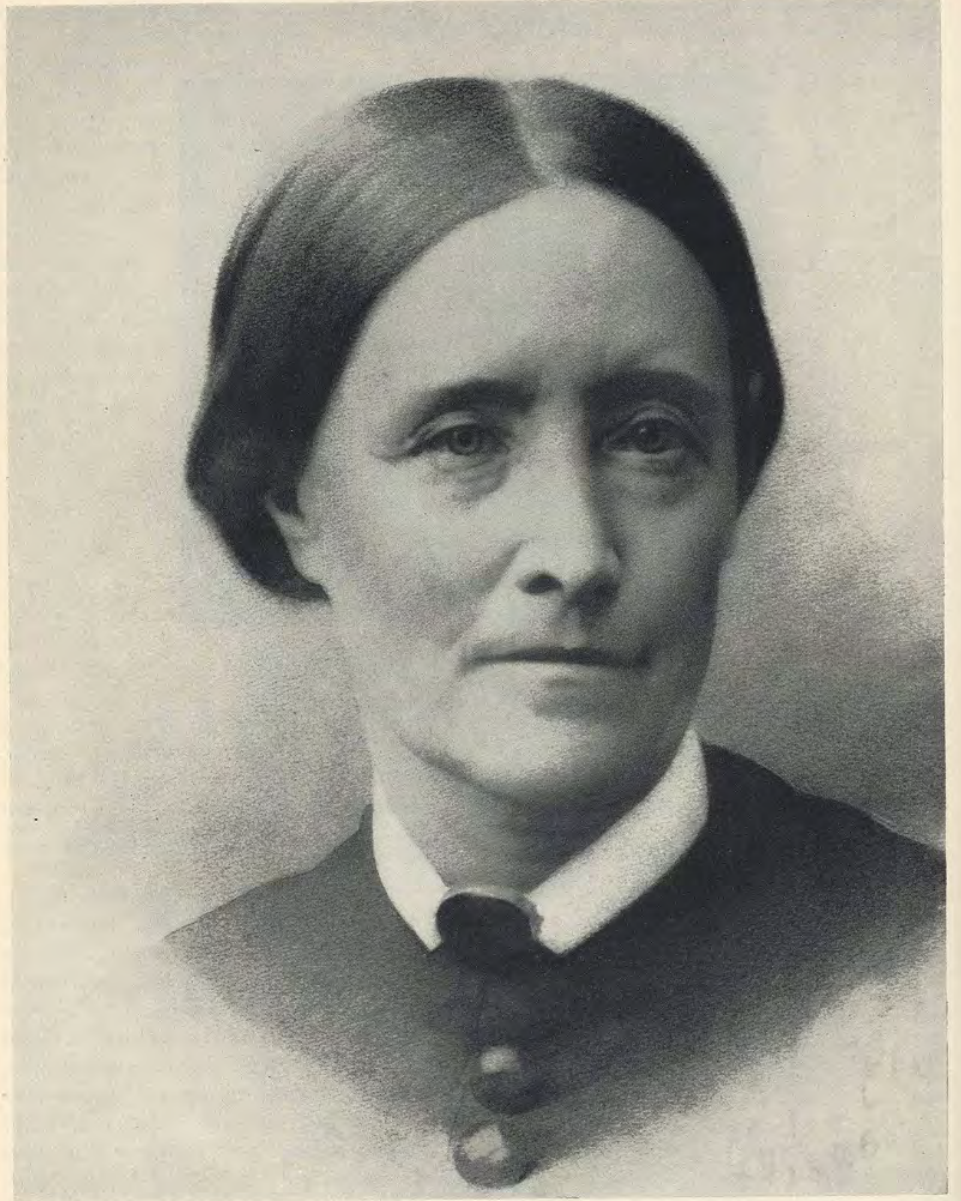


BROCKPORT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The Brockport Collegiate Institute

- The school they established continued for the next 26 years. As academies of that era went it was a successful school academically and socially.
- The curriculum was the complex one typical of the academies with a wide range of offerings and programs.
- Also typical of the academies, the student population was a diverse one, far more so than that of the colleges of the day.

Mary Mortimer,
teacher and
head of the
“female
department” at
the Collegiate
Institute in the
1840s.



MARY MORTIMER

Caroline “Gahano” Parker

- A member of a prominent family in the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, she was a student at the Collegiate Institute in the early 1840s, and became a primary source for Lewis Morgan’s ground breaking anthropological work on the Iroquois.
- Professor John Maier is currently researching her life.

Fannie Barrier
Williams, 1870.
Started her
education in the
Collegiate Institute's
version of a campus
school in the 1860s.



Selections from the 1850 catalog...

APPARATUS.



A large and valuable addition has just been made to the Apparatus of the Institution. The following are some of the instruments now in use. Chamberlain's large American Air Pump, a splendid instrument, with all necessary fixtures for pneumatic experiments ; Hydrostatic, Chemical, and Electro-Magnetic apparatus ; a large Magic Lantern, with Astronomical slides ; Surveying Instruments, &c.

The Principal has also a valuable cabinet of minerals, containing 2000 specimens.

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

The course of study in this department will not be dissimilar to that usually pursued in Female Seminaries. The plan of the building is such, that the two departments are entirely SEPARATE.

Young Gentlemen are not permitted to visit young Ladies in their rooms, nor to enter the portion of the building assigned exclusively to the females.



BIBLE CLASS.

Students remaining in the Institution on the Sabbath, are required to attend a Bible Class before the morning service.

ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH.

All Students are required to attend Church upon the Sabbath, unless specially excused ; and Parents and Guardians, are requested to direct what church their children or wards shall attend.

TUITION.

Junior English Department,
Senior " "
Classical and Mathematical,
Room Rent, per Scholar,
Incidental Charge,

\$4 00
5 00
6 00
2 00
25

EXTRA TUITION.

Music on the Piano, \$10 00
Painting, (Water Colors,) 5 00
Drawing, 5 00
French, 3 00
German, 3 00
Vocal Music, 50

No Student is expected to enter for less than half a Term. Tuition bills are payable in advance.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

The boarding establishment in the building, will continue in charge of Mrs. BATES, a lady every way fitted for the station. The charge for board is \$1,25 per week ; washing 37 1-2 cents per dozen.

The Teachers will preside at the tables, and endeavor to render the associations of the pupils there, conducive to their improvement as well as pleasure.

YEARLY ARRANGEMENT.

The Principal will receive into his family, and under his special charge, pupils from abroad, over whom he will exercise the most careful supervision. He will direct their hours of study and recitation, and endeavor to form correct habits of deportment, as well as study.

Such pupils will be accommodated with well furnished rooms, near those of the Principal and Teachers, and every thing needful for their comfort and improvement, will be carefully supplied. The annual charge for such students is \$112,00 ; or \$40 for the Winter Term, and \$36 each, for the Summer and Fall Terms. This charge includes board, ordinary tuition, room rent and furniture, fuel, washing and lights.

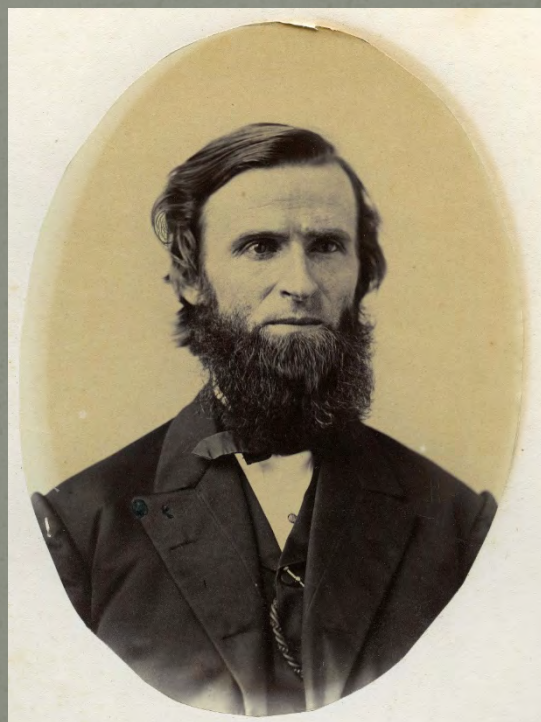
Sarah Smith,
graduation,
1866



Sarah Smith Class of 1866 Brockport Collegiate Institute.

The next slide:

- Features images from a photo set held in Alumni House.
- The students are some of the class of 1866, the last year of the Brockport Collegiate Institute. The only one whose name we know is Mary Garrison, lower left. Descendants of hers gave the photos to the college in the 1980s.
- Center is Principal Malcolm MacVicar, last principal of the Collegiate Institute and first principal of the new Normal school.



Collegiate Institute to “Normal school”

- The Brockport Collegiate Institute had done well academically, but like most of its peers, it struggled financially.
- Times were changing too, there was a growing perception, led by people like Malcolm MacVicar, that better preparation was needed for teachers in the state.
- This led to the establishment in 1867 of four more “Normal” schools in New York, and we were one of the four.

“Normal school?”

- Normal schools date back to a French educational innovation, a school devoted to teacher training, thus “normal” or ordinary, as opposed to something more “extra-ordinary,” actual universities.
- A key distinguishing difference: colleges and universities award bachelor degrees; normal schools do not.
- After you completed your two, or later three year program in a normal school you got a diploma and were licensed to teach in the state schools.

Brockport Normal, 1867-1941

- The Normal school era is a major section of our history. It occupied the old Collegiate Institute building, to which it added on several wings over the years.
- The old Normal had a distinct culture all its own. The teachers were generally quite accomplished instructors and often researchers too. Many of the buildings on campus today are named after Normal school era faculty, e.g. Lennon and Thompson.
- Much of the social and extracurricular life was organized by the sororities and fraternities of the school, like the popular Color Day.
- Sports was popular too. Basketball was the major sport for many years in the Normal era. Women's field hockey started in the 1920s...

The old Normal

- The building was the former Collegiate Institute building, with two wings added in the 1860s, and then a “training school” or campus school wing in 1900.
- There were not only classrooms, a library and so on, but there each of the fraternities and sororities at the school each had their own room.
- There were no separate dorms, but until 1900 students could room in the building as they had in the Collegiate Institute. In 1900 a tragic fire at Fredonia Normal led the state to end boarding in all Normals.

1872 plat map of Brockport



Students of the 1870s...



Brockport Normal in the 1920s...



The library



William Lennon and his daughter Alice



ALICE L. LENNON, B. L.,
Geology and Biology



J. H. KENT, ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Campus school children, c1890



Charles
Cooper, head
of the campus
school
program.



Arethusa 1906



Philalethean Songs



1904.



PROGRAM

LITERARY EXERCISES

TO BE GIVEN BY

GAMMA SIGMA SOCIETY,

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, 1883,

AT 7 1/4 O'CLOCK.

ALPHA DELTA



JUNE 22, 1894.

MENU

Scalloped Potatoes.

Creamed Potatoes.

Cold Beef.

Cold Ham.

Boston Baked Beans.

Brown Bread.

White Bread.

Ginger Bread.

Molasses Cookies.

Sugar Cookies.

Fried Cakes.

Apple Sauce.

Apple Pie.

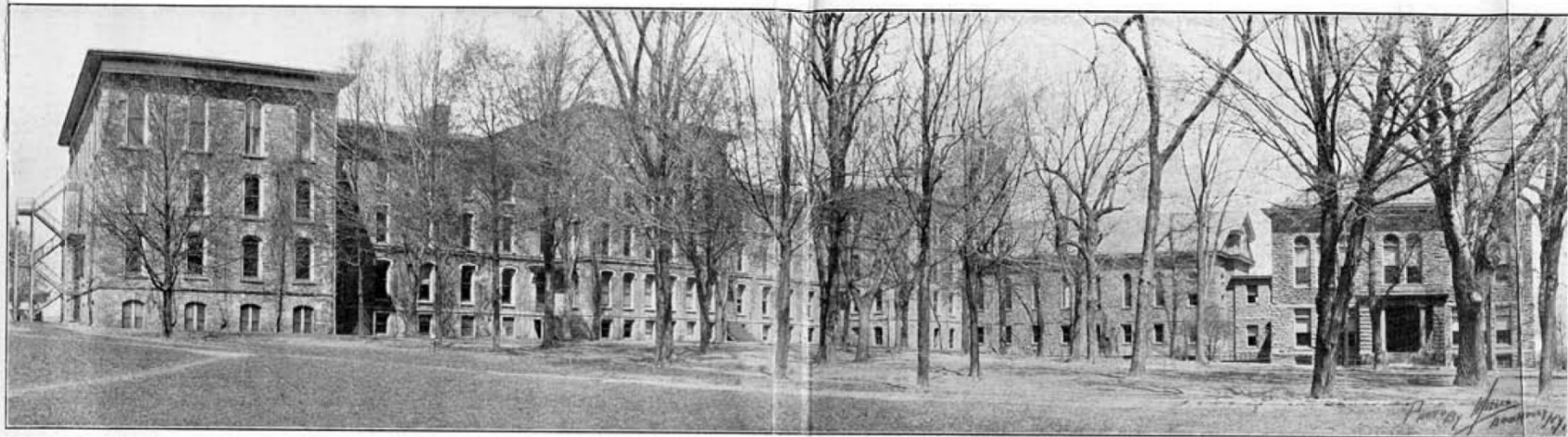
Mince Pie.

Pumpkin Pie.

Coffee.

Cake.

Alpha Delta New England Supper,
Saturday, Dec. 7, 1901.



Alma Mater thy children raise To thy shrine deserved praise; Hope and courage thou dost impart To each

Friendly flowers and stately trees
Lend new perfume to the breeze;
Dear old Campus, lofty halls,
Alma Mater, we love thy walls.

loyal student heart.

When the fleeting years divide
Us from thee, our gentle guide,
Still our thoughts with thee shall rest,
Alma Mater, dearest, best.

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SALUTATORY

We are starting our little untried craft, "The Stylus" upon its first voyage, which is always a more or less perilous one simply because of the very newness and unproven seaworthiness of the vessel. In the case of "The Stylus" even the crew, the editors, are as new and untested as the craft itself. But their earnest endeavor is to launch it right and hold it to a straight and true course, keeping it far from the rocks of failure.

The
SAGA
1936



Nellie
Gansworth,
student and
member of
the Tuscorora
Nation.



Interscholastic Champions of Western New York

Brockport
Normal

Basket Ball
Team

1912 — 1913

B



F.A. Belland, Coach.

H. MOORE, Manager

L. COLEMAN, Asst. Mgr.

B. WILLIAMS, Capt. & L.F.

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Women's field hockey, 1932

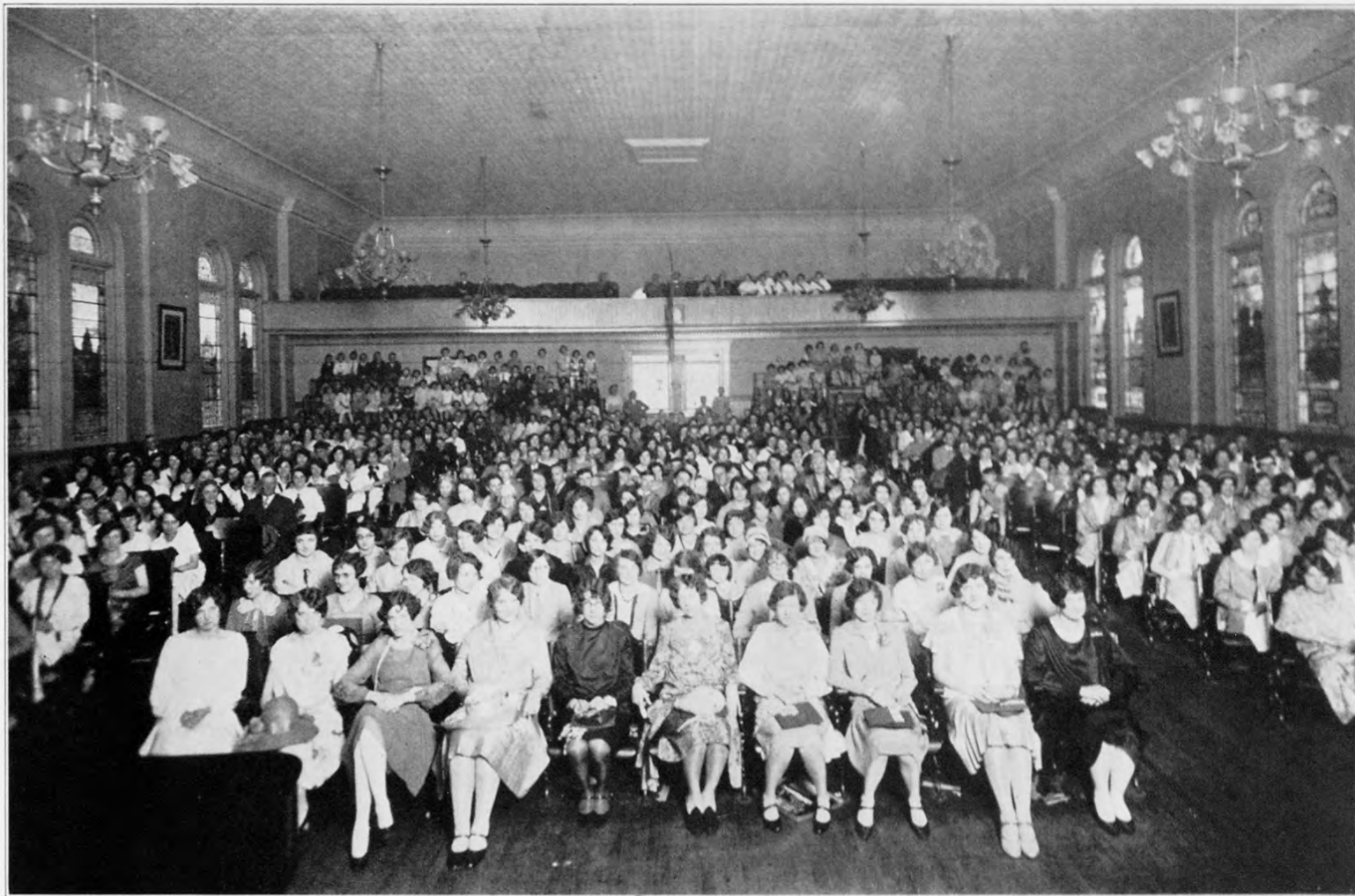


Maypole dance, Color Day, 1924



Hannah
Harding
'33





MORNING ASSEMBLY

Principal
Thompson
and his
wife, 1936



Ernest Hartwell,
last principal of the
Normal school and
first president of
the Teachers
College, 1944

